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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Irrigation

Construction of a reservoir to Tammileru.

1734 Q.—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state when the Government propose to carry out the proposals to construct a reservoir to Tammileru (in West Godavari district) to act as a flood moderator?

A.—No proposals are under consideration. The hon. Member's attention is invited to clause (5) of the Chief Engineer's letter No. 660/27-C-2, dated 9th June 1927, which was placed on the table in reply to clauses (c) and (d) of question No. 1448 answered on 25th February 1929.

Investigation of the Kolleru project.

1735 Q.—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

- (a) whether the Government investigated the Kolleru project (relating to Kistna, West Godavari district) fully and with what result;
- (b) what was the total cost of the said scheme;
- (c) what is the total extent of land involved in the said scheme; and
- (d) whether the Government are prepared to publish the papers connected with the said scheme?

A —(a) Presumably the hon. Member refers to the scheme for the draining of the Kolair lake in order to relieve adjacent lands from submersion. It was dropped.

(b) The only effective way of draining the lake is by improving the carrying capacity of the Upputeru. This was estimated to cost not less than a crore of rupees.

(c) The Government have no information.

(d) Papers have been laid on the table already. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers to question No. 562 answered on 25th March 1927 and question No. 1448 answered on 25th February 1929.

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STARRED QUESTIONS

Criminal Tribes Act

Registration of Boyas as criminal tribes.

* 1736 Q.—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many had convictions out of 172 Boyas in 30 villages of Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district, declared in notification No. 73, in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 11th February 1930, that they form a criminal tribe for the purpose of the Criminal Tribes Act, 1924 (VI of 1924);

(b) how many of them had more than one conviction;

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(c) whether it was a fact that the landowning caste Hindus apply to the Police to bring the Boyas and such other labouring classes under Criminal Tribes Act, to secure their labour for an indefinite period at a low wage; and

(d) whether the District Magistrate had thoroughly enquired into individual cases?

4.—(a) Seventy-five.

(b) Seventeen.

(c) The Government are not aware whether any representations were made to the Police by non-officials: but the proposal for registration of these few Boyas (172 out of an estimated total of 15,000) were submitted by the District Magistrate.

(d) Yes.

Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN:—"Out of 172 only 75 had convictions. May I know, Sir, from the hon. the Home Member on what grounds the remaining 97 were brought under the obligation of the Criminal Tribes Act?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"On the report of the District Collector."

Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN:—"For how many years will they be under the obligation of the Act?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"For three or four years, I suppose."

Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN:—"May I know whether it is a fact that these men have to walk for miles every night to report themselves at the police station?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No, Sir."

Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN:—"May I know whether the sons of these men are to be brought under the obligation of this Act when they attain 12 years of age?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I do not know, Sir. I shall enquire."

Elections

Date of the next elections to the Council.

* 1737 Q.—Mr. P. SIVA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the date on which it is decided to hold the next general elections for the Legislative Council?

A.—No date for holding the next general elections has yet been decided.

Mr. M. BALASUBRAMANIA MUDALIYAR:—"May I enquire the month and the year when the elections will be held?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question has been answered."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I ask whether there is a proposal to extend the present Council?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"No, Sir."